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## PRESIDENT WILL MAKE A PEACE OVERTURE

### WAITE INTENDED TO KILL WIFE, HE TELLS ALIENIST FOR THE DEFENSE

New York Dentist, on Trial for Murder of Father-in-Law, Admits He Married Only for Money.

### "MAN FROM EGYPT" CONFESSION DENIED

Accused Man Asserts He Slept Perfectly After Committing Homicide; Experts Say Defendant Is Abnormal.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) New York, May 26.—Dr. Arthur Waite told an alienist engaged for his defense in the trial for the murder of John E. Peck, the grand Baltimore millionaire, that he had intended to kill his wife, Clara Peck Waite, and that he married her only for money, according to testimony given by the alienist, Dr. Morris J. Karpas, today. Dr. Karpas added that Waite said he did not intend to stop at anything to gain his ends.

Dr. Waite declined to admit that he had made himself appear worse than he was in order to convince the court he was insane.

The alienists for Waite testified that he did not appear to be mentally well and that he was abnormally at that all his interests were centered in himself.

### COULD SAME MAN COMMIT WAITE'S CRIMES?

New York, May 26.—Could a sane man commit the series of crimes confessed by Dr. Arthur Warren Waite?

This question confronted the jury today in the Peck murder case. The young dentist left the witness stand last night after five hours and forty-five minutes crowded with horrors unparalleled in the history of New York criminal trials. Every detail of his story was noted by the alienist engaged by the defense for use in framing the hypothetical question they will be called to answer before Waite's attorney asks the jury to decide whether he was mentally responsible when he killed his father-in-law, John E. Peck.

Waite's testimony left the prosecution's attorneys today nothing more to do toward proving that he committed murder. Their problem was to show what a monster of crime such as the defendant confessed himself might have been mentally normal and therefore fit subject for the electric chair.

Counsel for the defense said today they had few if any questions to ask their client. It was expected that the alienists would take the stand soon after the state finished cross-examining the defendant.

Waite told of a long career of crime. He described minutely how he gave his victim arsenic powdered glass, chloroform, disease germs and overdoses of medicine, how he burned fly paper and gave the residue, which he had read, contained arsenic to Mr. Peck, how he generated chlorine gas in the father-in-law's room to make his throat more sensitive to the germ cultures, how he dammed the sheets to his bed and drove him in a swift automobile with open windows and raised the windows of his room in mid-winter in an unsuccessful effort to give him pneumonia.

Women were excluded from the court room when Dr. Arthur W. Waite resumed the witness stand today. Waite appeared pale. His counsel, Walter R. Denel, told Justice Shearn that he had only a few more questions to ask the dentist before the cross-examination would begin.

"Did you ever try to kill your wife?" asked Mr. Denel.

"No," replied Dr. Waite.

"Did you ever plan to kill her?"

"No, never."

"You never thought you might kill her?"

"I am not sure that I would not have killed her," said Waite.

Assistant District Attorney Brothers then began the cross examination.

He first asked the prisoner: "Do you recall telling me that you did not want your wife to learn of your relations with Mrs. Horton?"

"No," replied Waite. Waite folded his arms and smiled at the prosecutor as he denied having any conversation with Mr. Brothers in Dr. Waite's apartment.

The dentist said he was surprised to learn that he had given a ring to his nurse.

"You were taking insanity in Bell..."

### TAFT WANTS THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN WORLD COURT AT ONCE

Ex-President of This Country Now Chief Executive of League to Enforce Peace, Advocates Broad Step.

### DEFENDS BRYAN PEACE TREATIES WITH WARMTH

Takes Issue With Former Secretary of State on Need for Amendment of Constitution Before Alliance.

### BY EVENING HERALD LEASED WIRE

Washington, May 26.—Acceptance of membership by the United States in a world court in which the joint powers would use their armed and economic forces to enforce its decree in the interest of international peace was urged today by former President Taft before the League to Enforce Peace, of which he is president.

The object of the League to Enforce Peace is not to urge President Wilson to take steps to stop the present war, former President Taft, president of the league, declared today in opening its two-day session here.

"We are not here," he said, "to urge the present administration to take steps to stop the present war. Not that we are not hopeful that such steps may be taken, but we believe that a definite purpose, a purpose with limitations for an association like this, is much more likely to be realized than a general platform for the benefit of humanity."

The League hoped, Mr. Taft said, for a world agreement on a method to make war less probable.

His address was closely confined to the technical legal questions involved in joining by the United States in such an international tribunal. He denied that such action would curtail the power and authority of the president or congress by limiting the constitutional discretion of the latter body to declare war.

Mr. Taft explained that the League's platform proposes compulsory submission to the world court of all international disputes not settled by diplomatic negotiation, and which are justiciable questions.

Referring to the so-called Bryan peace treaties with England and France, Mr. Taft said it was argued that the arbitration stipulation in them was a delegation of the authority of the president and senate over our foreign relations.

"But upon reason and authority this objection is untenable," said Mr. Taft.

"Since the Jay treaty of 1794," Mr. Taft stated, "some American nation has been a party to eighty-four international treaties of which the United States was involved in two-thirds."

"In ten of these which were boundary treaties," Mr. Taft continued, "it was never suggested that the government was delegating any power at all to the tribunal. Submission of a judicial question is not a delegation of power to an agent—it is a submission of an issue to a judge, and it is a misnomer to call such a submission a delegation."

Turning to the question of the duty of a nation belonging to the proposed world court to use its arms and navy in enforcing its decrees upon other members that should go to war in defiance of the court's decrees, Mr. Taft took issue with former Secretary of State Bryan regarding Mr. Bryan's contention that constitutional amendment would be necessary before the United States could obligate itself in this respect.

"I venture to think that his view is wholly without foundation," Mr. Taft said.

Referring to this nation's treaty with Panama, guaranteeing Panama's independence, Mr. Taft stated, "I mean the United States is under obligation to make war to defend Panama."

"General Pershing reported that seven men of the machine gun company of the Seventeenth infantry, two engineers and an employee of the quartermaster department were six miles southeast of Cruxes when attacked yesterday by twenty Mexicans under Cervantes. The Americans had been looking for cattle and correcting road maps when the Mexicans appeared."

The ten Americans fought off the Mexicans for forty-five minutes. After their leader fell, the Mexicans fell back and were followed into the hills by a detachment of cavalry that arrived from Cruxes. Cervantes was identified by papers found in his pockets. General Pershing said Cervantes was implicated in the Columbus bus raid.

**AGUILAR ACCUSES UNITED STATES OF BREAKING PLEDGE**

Mexico City, May 26.—General Aguilera accused the United States of breaking its pledge to reinforce General Alvarado.

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